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To all of the passionate volunteers, employees and partners of United Way, I join my colleagues in recognizing and honoring your legacy of inspirational service.

COMMENDING THE FORMATION OF  
THE CONGRESSIONAL ANTI-BULLYING CAUCUS

**HON. LAURA RICHARDSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2012*

Mr. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my appreciation for the Congressional Anti-Bullying Caucus, a new caucus formed to heighten congressional awareness and advocate for policies to combat bullying of all kinds, from the playground to the elderly care facility. Every American is entitled to live, work, and recreate in a safe environment, free of fear from threats to his or her physical safety and mental and emotional security.

In recent years we have witnessed an explosion in the number of reported and unreported cases of bullying. It is thirteen million children will be bullying victims this year alone. It is estimated also that 15 percent of American school children skip school to avoid being bullied by schoolmates. This is tragic. Children who fear for their safety cannot learn. If they do not learn, they will not fulfill their potential. If they do not fulfill their position, the nation will be deprived of the talent it needs to compete and win in the global economy of the 21st century. If our children fall behind because they lack a safe learning environment, America falls behind. The Congressional Anti-Bullying Caucus aims to do something about.

Further, bullying jeopardizes not only the education of our children, but also their very well-being. The term "bullycide" has been coined to define the act of committing suicide as a result of bullying. This continues to be one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of 14. In fact, the rate of suicide among adolescents has grown more than 50 percent over the last 30 years.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately bullying does not end when our children move on from the playground. It exists on college campuses, in the workplace, online, and even in elderly care facilities. Nearly half of Americans have experienced some sort of violence either in their workplace, at home, or in their community. Hazing on college campuses has been a problem for decades. Five percent of all college students admit to being hazed, with 40 percent admitting that a coach or advisor was aware of the hazing and did not intervene. This lack of action is unacceptable. Our college students must have the ability to focus on their work and prepare for their futures, without fear of physical or verbal hazing.

Bullying in the workplace appears in various forms, from narcissistic bullying, to physical, to

verbal. This abuse in the workplace creates a hostile work environment, making the organization vulnerable to lawsuits, decreasing morale, and reducing productivity. Thus, bullying is not only negatively impacting our future in the global market, but also our ability to compete today. In short, bullying has national implications and thus requires national attention and action.

I am proud to be a charter member of the Congressional Anti-Bullying Caucus. I thank Representative HONDA, the Chair of the Anti-Bullying Caucus, for his leadership and look forward to working with him and my fellow members of the caucus to reduce, if not end altogether, the scourge of bullying in our schools, neighborhoods, workplaces, and online.

STRENGTHENING AND FOCUSING  
ENFORCEMENT TO DETER ORGA-  
NIZED STEALING AND ENHANCE  
SAFETY ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 26, 2012*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Madam Speakers, I rise in support of H.R. 4223, the Safe Doses Act. I am proud to join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in supporting this important legislation.

H.R. 4223 addresses a difficult issue in the pharmaceutical supply chain: the theft of medical products. While this body last week passed important legislation to protect consumers from counterfeit drugs, there remains a real risk from stolen medical goods.

This is not a hypothetical exercise, it is a real problem. Criminal organizations who steal medical products are not concerned with storing these materials properly, or ensuring that they are only sold with a doctor's prescription.

Let me give one brief, but telling example: In 2009, 128,000 vials of insulin were stolen in North Carolina. Beyond the \$11 million monetary cost of this theft, there was a human cost as well.

These vials were reintroduced into the supply chain after being improperly stored. The vials found their way to pharmacies in 17 different states, and at least two individuals suffered potentially fatal blood sugar levels before the FDA was able to alert the public to this danger.

H.R. 4223 is a simple and sensible way to give law enforcement and prosecutors a stronger set of tools to go after criminal organizations that are brazenly stealing vital medication and devices. I further note that, beyond the bipartisan support this measure has received, the Safe Doses Act passed both the House Judiciary and Senate Judiciary Committees unanimously.

I encourage all of my colleagues to support this legislation, clean up the pharmaceutical supply chain, and protect their constituents.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS.  
MARGARET S. RIKER

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2012*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Margaret Riker of Fair Haven, New Jersey. Mrs. Riker is the 2012 Count Basie Theatre's Summer Soiree honoree. Mrs. Riker is a loving mother, professional business woman and active member of the community. Her work and the recognition she is receiving from the Count Basie Theater are truly worthy of this body's recognition.

Margaret Riker hails from Bergen County, New Jersey and later moved to Fair Haven, New Jersey in 1989. Mrs. Riker is a proud member of the University of Vermont's class of 1981 where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and English. Mrs. Riker was previously employed in marketing and sales promotion. Mrs. Riker was married to the late William Riker, and is the proud mother of three children, Katie, Jack and Teddy. The Riker family moved to Bermuda in 1993 to support Mr. Riker's professional endeavors, returning to the United States in 2003. The Riker family currently resides in Rumson, New Jersey.

Margaret Riker is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in our local community. She currently serves as President of The Rumson Community Appeal and is a Foundation Board Member of Riverview Hospital. Mrs. Riker also serves as a Community Services Board Member to the Visiting Nurses Association of Central New Jersey, Gala Committee Member to Prevention First and supports The Rumson Country Day School and The Lawrenceville School. She passionately represents the mission of these various organizations as a mentor, advocate and leader. Maggie is also an active member of area clubs including the Sea Bright Tennis and Cricket Club and the Coral Beach Club. Mrs. Riker is committed to the success of the Count Basie Theatre as a result of her passion for the performing arts. Her philanthropic efforts dedicated to maintaining and improving the Count Basie Theatre and the arts will continue enhance future performances.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in congratulating Margaret Riker for serving as honoree at the Count Basie Theatre's Summer Soiree. Mrs. Riker's contributions to her family and community continued to resonate with the constituents throughout Monmouth County, New Jersey.

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**HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 28, 2012*

Mr. BERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am joined by my colleague Congressman HENRY WAXMAN to pay tribute to Deputy Sheriff Sherwin Lalezary for his outstanding courage and bravery in capturing an infamous arsonist that wreaked havoc in the city of Los Angeles. Sherwin is a real estate attorney